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By the King.

A further Proclamation for the ſuppreſsing and puniſhing of Rogues and Vagabonds, and Reliefe of the Poore, according to the Law.

WHereas by Our Royall Proclamation, giuen at Our Court at Whitehall the three and twentieth day of Aprill now laſt paſt, wee by the Aduice of Our Priuie Counſell, did admoniſh, and ſtraitly charge and command, that all Our louing Subiects, eſpecially Our Iudges, Iuſtices, Conſtables, Headboroughs, and other Our Officers in their ſeuerall places ſhould vſe all poſſible care and diligence, aſwell for the Reliefe of the truely poore and indigent people, as for the puniſhing, ſuppreſſing, and ſetling of the Sturdie Rogues and Vagabonds, according to the Lawes and Statutes in that behalfe, with great Iudgement excellently prouided.

Wherein wee were the more vigilant, for that the danger was viſible of ſpreading and diſperſing the contagious Infection of the Plague ouer the whole Kingdome by thoſe wandering perſons, who haue neither care of themſelues nor others, which Our admonition wrought good effect in moſt parts of this Our Kingdome, vntill by a libertie taken by that looſe ſort of people, vnder colour of ſeeking Worke in the time of Harueſt, the conſtant execution of thoſe Lawes was interrupted, and by that occaſion many of thoſe Vagrants are returned to their wonted diſſolute courſe of Wandering and begging, againſt whom there cannot bee held a hand ſtrict and ſeuere enough.

Wherefore, the Harueſt being now ended, and ſo all pretence of excuſe taken away, and the danger of that Contagion which formerly threatned this Land, not being yet ceaſed; wee out of Our Princely care and Prouidence for the ſafety and proſperitie of Our good

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and louing Subiects, by the like aduice of Our Priuie Councell, haue thought fit to renew Our former Proclamation, and Royall command in that behalfe.

And doe therefore hereby straitly charge and command, that Our former Proclamation of the date aforesayd, in all the parts thereof, and the Lawes and Statutes heretofore made and standing in force for the relieuing of the poore and impotent, and for the punishing, suppressing, and setling of the Sturdy Rogues and Vagabonds, wandering vnder the seuerall names of Souldiers, Mariners, Glasse-men, Pot-men, Pedlers, Petti-Chapmen, Conyskin-men, Tinkers, or any other pretences whatsoeuer, bee duely put in execution.

And Wee doe hereby declare, like as Wee did by Our former Proclamation, that whosoeuer should bee found remisse or negligent in the execution of the premisses, or any part thereof, shall vndoubtedly receiue such deserued punishment for their offences, as by the Lawes of this Our Realme, or by Our Prerogatiue Royall, can with iustice bee inflicted vpon them.

And Wee further let them knowe, that howsoeuer Wee are graciously pleased at this time to admonish onely, and not to punish strictly those former omissions, yet hereafter they must not expect the like fauour, but resolue to continue a strict and constant course in the due execution of those Lawes, as euery one in his seuerall place will answere the neglect thereof at their vttermost perill.

Giuen at Our Court at Theobalds, the seuenteenth of September, in the sixth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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